

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-12. (canceled)

13. (previously presented) A heating and cooling supply business method, comprising the steps of:

providing at least one of portable heating units and portable cooling units on lease from an administrator side to a user side;

monitoring each of the units via a network including at least one of the Internet and an intranet to identify a variation in an amount of heating or cooling used by the user from each unit at an administrator side of the network;

determining on the administrator side at least one of whether to change a number of units provided to the user and whether to replace at least one of the units by a unit of different capacity based on the monitored variation in the amount of heating and/or cooling used by the user;

directing execution of the determined unit change and/or replacement from the administrator side; and

varying the user's unit lease charges based on the monitored total amount of heating and cooling used by the user from the leased units.

14. (canceled)

15. (previously presented) A heating and cooling supply business method according to claim 13, wherein the user's lease charges are based on the monitored total amount of heating and/or cooling used by the user and a charge for maintenance of the leased unit or units.

16. (previously presented) A heating and cooling supply business ~~system~~ method according to claim 13, wherein in the determining step, the administrator side determines at least one of an increase in the a number of units provided to the user and replacement of at least one of the units by a unit with a larger heating and/or cooling capacity is based on the number of times a load of at least one of the units exceeds a predetermined load.

17. (previously presented) A heating and cooling supply business ~~system~~ method according to claim 13, wherein in the determining step, the administrator side determines at least one of a decrease in the a number of units provided to the user and replacement of at least one of the units by a unit with a smaller heating and/or cooling capacity is based on the number of times a load of at least one of the units is below a predetermined load.

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) A heating and cooling supply business method according to claim 13, wherein the portable heating and/or cooling units provided by ~~an~~ the administrator are self-contained portable heating and/or cooling units, each equipped with an evaporative condenser and allowing a heat pumping cycle or refrigeration cycle to be performed in the unit except heat rejection or absorption to heat or cool a secondary load side.